(d) in what manner Prithvi and Trishul compare with Akash and the anti-tank missile Nag in terms of their performance potential; and

(e) what is the schedule for development of re-usable missile system at DRDL?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI LALIT VIJAY SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Parameter like the phased array radar for multi-mode surveillance, targetting and guidance of the Patriot missile as available in the open literature have been used in comparing it with the Akash missile system.

(c) 1992 for Trishul and Prithvi; and 1995 for Akash and Nag.

(d) These four missiles are of different classes and are designed for different roles. Therefore comparison of their performance potential is not possible.

(e) No development work has been undertaken in this regard and therefore no schedule has been arrived at.

Selling N-power technology

846. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to sell N-power technology to those countries which cannot afford to buy it from developed countries;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor and the details thereof;

(c) whether any country has come forward to purchase the technology; and

(d) what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI KAMAL MORARKA): (a) Government is proposing to sell equipment, radio-isotopes and services for peaceful applications of nuclear energy.

(b) Department of Atomic Energy has by now developed expertise in all fields of nuclear science and engineering and is in a position to extend this expertise to other countries for the development of various nuclear related technologies for peaceful purposes. Expertise in nuclear technologies for peaceful purposes will be extended on a commercial basis.

(c) and (d) In recent months, a few countries have shown preliminary interest in our assistance in the development of their nuclear technologies. Besides, the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) has evinced interest in various nuclear instruments and equipment developed in India.

Operation Bajrang in Assam

847. DR. Z. A. AHMED:

SHRI N. E. BALARAM:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of people, ULFA activists and security personnel killed so far in course of Operation Bajrang in Assam;

(b) what is the number of ULFA activist arrested, so far;

(c) whether the President's Rule and Operation Bajrang have succeeded in containing the ULFA activities in the State; and

(d) whether Government have any proposal to hold talks with the ULFA to find ways for solution to the Assam problem?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) In the course of Operation Bajrang in Assam, 6 people, 5 ULFA activists and 3 security personnel have been killed.

(b) After the imposition of President's Rule in Assam, 2766 ULFA activists have been arrested.

(c) and (d) There has been improvement in the law and order situation in Assam. The United Liberation Front of Assam (ULFA) has not sent any communication addressed to the Government of India on the subject.

Talks with Mr. Mann and other militant groups

848. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA:
SHRI SUKOMAL SEN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a move has been initiated to revive political process in Punjab;

(b) whether any talks in this regard have been held with Shri Simranjit Singh Mann; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that some talks are going with any of the militants groups of Punjab, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) to (c) Government have publicly indicated their willingness to talk to any-one to find a solution to the Punjab problem without compromising the integrity and unity of the country and the basic principles of the Constitution. The talks held by the Prime Minister with Shri Mann in December, 1990 were a step in that direction. From the militant Groups however, there has been no formal response.

ULFA readiness to solve Assam problem amicably

849. SHRI SURESH KALMADI:
SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any communication from the outlawed United Liberation Front of Assam (ULFA) regarding their willingness to respond positively to any constructive steps towards a peaceful solution to the problems of Assam; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and what action Government propose to take to create conducive atmosphere for implementation of their proposals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) No, Sir

(b) Does not arise.

Government offer to meet Khalistani delegation

850. SHRI CHIMAN BHAI MEHTA:
SHRIMATI MIRA DAS:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have offered to meet *Khalistani delegation* at the place of their convenience and there occurred a secret meeting between Mr. Mann and Minister of State for Home;

(b) whether it is a fact that the demand for self-determination for Punjab was put forward in Shri Simranjit's Memorandum presented to the Prime Minister and what was the on the spot answer of the Prime Minister to this demand; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that greater number of casualties have taken place in Punjab compared to the toll taken in communal violence in the last three months, if so, what are the comparable statistics?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) No, Sir.